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**PATENT**

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For: COMPLIANT OSTEOSYNTHESIS FIXATION PLATE

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FOURTH AND FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In regard to the Final Office Action dated June 27, 2008, and further in regard to the Advisory Action dated October 29, 2008,

- (1) please disregard and do not enter Applicant's after-final response dated September 29, 2008; and
- (2) please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Applicant provides **Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper. Specific changes are indicated by underscoring of text additions, and by ~~[[double bracketing]]~~ or by ~~strikethrough~~ of text deletions.

Applicant's **Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

Concurrent with this response, Applicant is tendering the fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), as well as that for a two-month extension of time, at the small entity rate. Applicant believes that no further fee is due. If this turns out to be erroneous, the Finance Division is authorized to debit the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1020 in the amount of the deficiency.